GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION WORKS ON NH
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to convert NH-8 between Surat and Maner into six lane;

(b) if so, the present status of this project and the construction of over-bridges thereon;

(c) whether the work on the project is as per schedule;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the time frame fixed for completion of this project;and

(f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING,ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H.MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (b) Yes,Sir.Six laning of Surat to Dahisar section of National Highway-8 including over-bridges has been awarded for execution on Design, Build, Finance and Operate (DBFO) pattern under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-V.The concession agreement has been signed on 30.04.2008.

(c) to (f) The work is scheduled to commence after financial close of the project i.e. the appointed date.However,the concessionaire has not achieved the financial close on the scheduled appointed date i.e.27.10.2008 and has sought extension in time from National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) who consider such requests in accordance with the agreement signed with the concessionaire.The construction period is 912 days from the Appointed Date.